

# ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

[www.homelight.org](http://www.homelight.org)



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**



**Parks Time:** Every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00 (weather permitting);  
Tautphaus Park - (by Fun Land)

**Chick Clique Bible Study** - Every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming @ Aquatic Center

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Christ In The Arts 6:30pm-8:30pm

April 12<sup>th</sup> – ERCHA Monthly Meeting/Guest Speaker @ Calvary, 5:30pm-8:00pm (Pot Luck)

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Childcare Fundraiser

April 16<sup>th</sup> – TWEEN's @ Grimm Home

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Lunch Out @ Perkins 2:00pm

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Tea Time @ Stillwater Mansion

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Swimming @ Aquatic Center

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Scottish/International Folk Dancing

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Spelling Bee

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Youth Movie Night @ the Haas @ 6 – 10-pm

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair

## **April Meeting & Pot Luck**

**Speaker Linda Patchin from CHOIS Magazine**

**Monday: April 12<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Chapel of IF**

**5:30-6:30pm - Session 1 -**

**ABC's of Selecting the Right Curriculum and Teaching Method –**

This highly practical workshop will compare and contrast the many different teaching methods and styles commonly employed by home educating parents. Linda seeks to share advantages and disadvantages within each method, without endorsing any one in particular; hopefully helping you to choose the method that will work most effectively for you and your children. She plans to leave plenty of time for Q & A.

**6:30 - 7:00 - Food! (Pot Luck)**  
*Bring a dish to share*

**7:00 -8:00 - Session 2**

**Developing a Homeschool through High School Plan**

How do you plan a program for your high school homeschooler? What subjects do you teach and when? Do you follow a basic high school plan, a general college prep plan, or a rigorous college prep plan? How do you evaluate credits? Determine grades for a course? What about the need for a transcript and diploma? Even if you are just beginning to think about homeschooling during the high school years, this seminar will help you organize your thoughts and begin laying the groundwork for a viable four-year plan.

*Feel free to come to one session or both*

**Christ in the Arts**

Participate in our 3rd annual "Christ in the Arts" - an opportunity for our children to share their God-given talents in the arts: Singing, piano, poem or Scripture recitation, dance, martial arts, visual arts.....



**Friday, April 9th**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 (ish)**  
**Calvary Chapel of IF - Main Sanctuary**

**Sign-Up by Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Kristine needs correct spelling of names, and pieces to be performed, and an approximate number of minutes.

Please bring snacks to share following the concert (to be left in the Fellowship Hall)



## Child Care Fundraiser: Needed - child-care

workers..youth or adults. Will be paid per hour - fun way to work together to earn some \$. Call Kristine for more info: 680.4963 April 16<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 - 10:00 - @ Calvary Chapel.



## Tea Time for Mother and Daughter

Monday, April 19th from 12-2:30p.m. @ Stillwater Mansion

387 N Water in Idaho Falls.

This is a wonderful place to go and enjoy a relaxing, refreshing and "girlie" experience with your daughter. You'll enjoy dressing up in beautiful victorian clothes, fine china, flowers, photos, and a delicious four course meal. Tanya, an expert in "tea etiquette" will explain the many details of proper courting rituals and "manners" during the serving of our four course meal. Cost is expensive - \$25.00 per person (yes - the children also), but this is a memorable experience that will bring a smile to your face for years to come. If cost is a problem, please let me know and I bet we can get donations!

*To RSVP, please e-mail Michele. I need all RSVP's by April 16th so Tanya can begin to prepare name plates, and meals. She will also need to know any diet restrictions by the 16th.*

## Spelling Bee

Calling all spellers!

ERCHA's 2010 spelling bee will be held on Thursday May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in room 15 (across the Fireside room at Calvary Chapel).

Children of all ages are welcome to participate. This will be challenging and lots of fun.

Prizes to be awarded to the top spellers.

If you are interested please send the names and grades of the children who want to participate to Mandy.

The lists are fairly long so the sooner you contact Mandy the sooner the children can start studying!



Don't forget: Final registration for the Spelling Bee is May 1st!

## Ladies Night/Afternoon Out



If you have any questions you can contact Misty.

**Saturday April 17th @ 2pm**

**Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

## Title of Liberty

A local patriotic organization is hosting a series of talks on the constitution.

From their website: <http://thetitleofliberty.org/events.html>

The Title of Liberty presents a 10-night lecture series on the 28 Principles of Liberty with Pastor David Bass of Idaho Falls, based on his weekly radio show, “A Moment of Truth”, and the book, The 5,000 Year Leap by W. Cleon Skousen. The lecture series will be held at the ISU Auditorium at University Place, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 12

Friday, March 19

Friday, March 26

Thursday, April 1

Thursday, April 8

Friday, April 16

Thursday, April 22

Friday, April 30

Friday, May 7

For more information, check out their website: <http://thetitleofliberty.org/events.html>

This is definitely of interest for Jr High and up. Pastor Bass, the speaker, is both very knowledgeable and a great orator.

## ***On-Going ERCHA Programs***

### **Pre-school Playtime & Scottish Dance**

Thursday April 29th from 2-3pm.  
Please e-mail Kathy for more info

### **Park Time -**

We're starting park-time!

Month of April @ Tautphaus Park (by Funland) 2:30 - 4:00 - on TUESDAYS

### **Swimming!**

For the month of April join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (April 9<sup>th</sup> & April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

~~Join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month~~ for swimming at the Aquatic Center on 7th Street. The cost is \$2.00 per person in the swimming area, adults welcome to swim too. Pay Kristine day of swimming, with cash or checks made out to ERCHA. Aquatic swim time is from 11:30 to 1:30, with most ERCHA moms showing up between 11:30 & 12:00.

**Shakespeare:** We are reading 'Macbeth' on 2 successive Sunday afternoons - April 25 and May 2. Time and location still to be decided. Call or e-mail by April 15 if you're interested.



We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week – or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator - each one is worth 10¢. We will save our money to buy equipment for ERCHA members to use (microscope, laminator...). You may turn them in at any meeting.



## **SPEECH/SPEAK UP - 8-years & up**

Do you want to learn how to communicate more effectively? Public speaking can be intimidating for some! They say that public speaking and flying in an airplane are the most common fears, (how about giving a speech why you ride in an airplane??)

We will meet at the Public Library the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3pm – next meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please email Carolina.

**Science Fair** – Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>: If you would like to help or have any questions, please email Rachel.

## **Kid's College – offered by EITC**

There are new and exciting courses geared specifically to children who home school or are in private or charter schools and need supplemental education in the area of computers. EITC has state of the art computer labs and a professional computer educator with 11 children of her own. Join Shayna Hemsely-Spencer for an exciting adventure into the world of computers. \$15 classes offered on

Tuesdays from 11am – Noon. The 'Kids' College' classes that EITC is offering starting in January are now listed online. Go to [www.eitc.edu](http://www.eitc.edu) and click on 'WFT Winter 2010 Schedule'. Scottish Country Dance classes are offered as well (Wednesdays 10-11am). Check it out!

Powerful PowerPoint Presentations – April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>

Email [tonya.nunes@my.eitc.edu](mailto:tonya.nunes@my.eitc.edu) for more detail

# Youth!



Fun activities for homeschoolers *13 YEARS AND UP!*

## *MOVIE NIGHT*

**A movie from the Lord of the Rings**

**Trilogy**

**When:** 6 – 10pm (dates below)

**Where:** Haas Home

**What to bring:** Snacks to share

May 7th - Two Towers

May 21st - Return of the King

## TWEEN(ages 9 - 12)

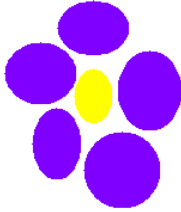
Tween Movie Night ... and fun

When – April 16th

Time – 6:30 pm to 8:30 ish (flexible)

Movie – TBA – Suggestions are welcome!

Call Alexis if directions are needed! RSVP is helpful but not required.



## The Chick Clique

*A group for homeschooling girls 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade!*

*Bible Study - For Such a Time as This*

*Tuesdays from 2:30pm-4:00pm*

*There are still books if you would like to join!*

*E-mail or call Maurie for more information - [ree\\_haas@yahoo.com](mailto:ree_haas@yahoo.com) 208-351-0433*

### Scholastic Books

distribution list for fliers  
of upcoming Scholastic  
Book Sales.

Please email Melanie if  
you'd like to be on her

**Keepers at Home:** - A Christian girls group invites girls 6 and older to join us for a fun year of getting to know God, each other and ourselves better. This year we are focusing on Godly character and loving others. Along with fun projects, we will have ongoing visits to a nursing home and help at a soup kitchen. Please email Michelle Melissa at [keepers@homelight.org](mailto:keepers@homelight.org) for more information.

**Lending Library** - Books available for borrow or sale. The ERCHA library continues to grow! If you'd like to contribute to the library, let Kristine know and she will add the information. If you are in need of something, give Kristine a call to see if we have it.

### Newly Acquired Books for Rent/Sale:

Spelling Workout - Level F - Student Book (lightly used)  
Spelling Workout - Level F - Teacher's Edition

Cursive Success by Jan Z. Olsen, OTR - lightly used

Anyone Can Homeschool - Terry Dorian, Ph.D. & Zan Peters Tyler

### **BJU Press**

#### 7th Grade

Fundamentals of Math (BJU Press) - Teacher's Edition; Book 1 & 2 (7th Grade)

Fundamentals of Math - Tests

World Studies (7th Grade): Teacher's Edition book 1 & 2, Student Manual, Teacher's Edition Student Activities Answer Key; Student Activities Workbook (lightly used)

Life Science (7th Grade) (BJU Press) - Teacher's Edition A & B  
Life Science Student's Activity Books A & B

### Grade 6

Math 6 - Home Teacher's Edition; Student Manual, Student Materials; Home Teacher Packet  
Math 6 - Student Manual

Science 6: Teacher's Edition; Student Manual; Activity Manual Answer Key

Heritage Studies 6: Home Teacher's Edition; Student Book

### Grade 5

Science 5 - Teacher's Edition; Activity Manual; Activity Manual answer Key

Spelling 5 - Home Teacher's Edition; Student Manual (lightly used)

Heritage Studies 5: Home Teacher's Edition; Student Book; Teacher's edition worktext

Reading 5: teaching visuals flip chart; Worktext (first 13 pages used); Teacher's Edition Part 1 & 2;  
Teacher's Edition - worktext answer key

Math 5: Student Textbook; Home Teacher's Edition; Student Materials

English 5: Teacher Edition

Handwriting 5: Teacher's Edition, Student workbook (1st couple of pages used)

**Year Book:** Alexis and Maurie are asking that you continue sending photos of your activities now and during the school year so they can continually work on the 2009-2010 year book. Photos should include field trips, vacations, school time, projects, Family time and outings, Pets, Church functions, and anything else... Photos **MUST BE:** clear (not blurry) well lighted, large images, large enough to recognize.

This year our vision is to actually have Family Pages. That's right, each family having their own page with written dedications, prayers and verses that are special to your family. SO – please keep this in mind through out the year. We are going to start compiling little by little. We have already started to receive photos! ***You can email the photos or give a CD to Alexis.***

# Great Websites

[www.homelight.org](http://www.homelight.org) – Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association

[www.chois.org](http://www.chois.org) – Christian Home Schoolers of Idaho State

[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) – Home School Legal Defense Association

[www.iche-idaho.org](http://www.iche-idaho.org) - Idaho Coalition of Home Educators

[www.parentalrights.org](http://www.parentalrights.org) – Protecting children by empowering parents

[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) – A fun sight with recommended books for each age group and quizzes with points to be earned (a lot like accelerated reader).

## **ERCHA ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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